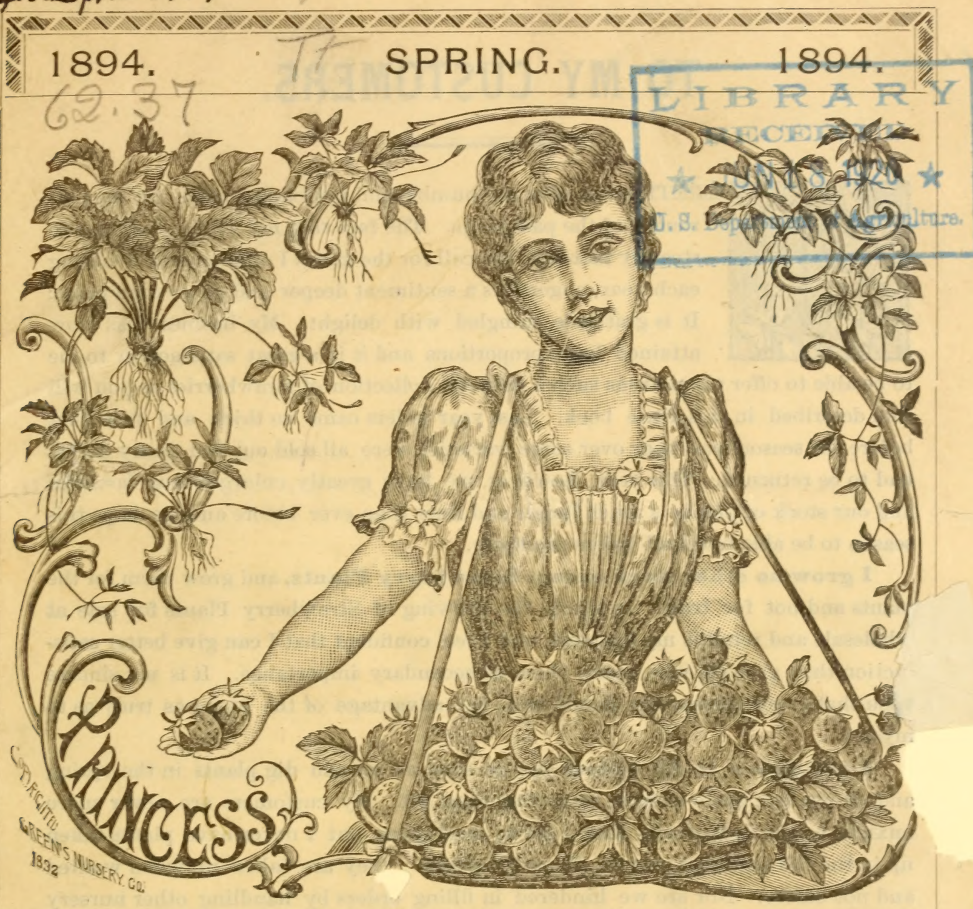


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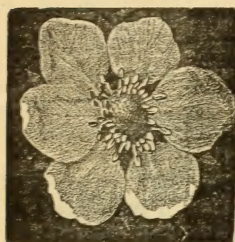
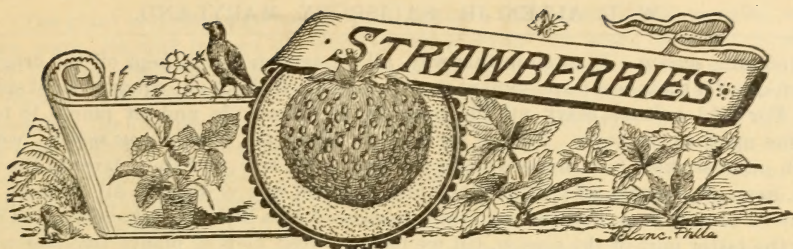
## ANNOUNCEMENT.

Since sending out my last catalogue I have commenced the publication of a quarterly journal "THE STRAWBERRY CULTURIST," devoted exclusively to the interest of all who grow strawberries. So far our paper has met with great success and long list of subscribers has already been recorded. You want the paper, of no strawberry grower can afford to be without it. Our subscription is 50 cents per year and may be sent in with your order for plants, or send stamps, silver or postal note addressed to THE STRAWBERRY

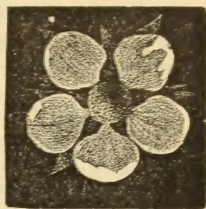
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Yours faithfully,

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BI-SEXUAL, or perfect.



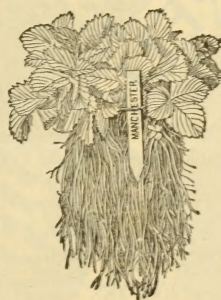
PISTILLATE, or imperfect

row, to pollinize their blossoms. When properly fertilized the pistillate varieties are the most prolific, and there is no reason for any prejudice against them. Success depends in a great measure on getting fine, healthy plants, *strictly pure and true to name.* This we *know* our plants to be.

In shipping plants, we send out nothing but young plants, as shown in Fig. 788, grown under the so-called "pedigree system." We never send out old plants. When grown on deep, black soil the roots of young plants are of a dark color, but soft, succulent and nearly uniform in size and appearance, as shown by the figure just referred to. With old plants the lower roots are black, dead and wiry, with generally a few young roots just below where the leaves are joined to the crown, as shown in Fig. 787. We clean all plants of dead leaves and tie in bunches (Fig. 786) before packing. To ship long distances in good condition, and to overcome the danger of damage in shipment we pack large lifts in cases designed and manufactured expressly for the purpose.



YOUNG PLANTS. Fig. 788.



PLANTS BUNCHED. Fig. 786.



OLD PLANTS. Fig. 787.

## When and How to Plant.

*Early Spring*, just as soon as the ground can be easily worked, is the best time of the whole year to plant Strawberries, in any section where there are extreme frosts in winter, especially if planting is to be done on a large scale and plants have to be brought from a distance. How to plant will depend largely upon local conditions, size and shape of the field, etc. In the small family garden or city lot where there is little chance to use horse and cultivator, they may be planted one foot apart each way, in two or three rows; then leave a space of three feet to furnish a path during



the picking season. Planted in this way, all runners should be kept off the original plants, as for their best development they require each about one square foot of space.

For field culture mark out the rows  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 feet wide and set plants 18 to 20 inches apart in the rows. Then if we wish to follow the *narrow row system*, we let each plant strike a few runners along the line of the row, and then, later in the season, keep all runners off; while if the broad *matted row* is wanted, all runners are allowed to take root, and the cultivator narrowed up a little at each cultivation during the latter part of the season, till we have matted beds of plants two feet wide, with a walk one foot wide between them. The narrow row is the more profitable of these two systems; yet the matted row is the most adopted, as many people are of the opinion that the more plants the more berries.



**TIMBRELL.**—Originated by H. S. Timbrell, of Orange County, N. Y., about five years ago. It has been tested by competent men in a number of localities, and I think that all have reported favorably upon it. I have reasons to think that it is a very good variety.

"The plant is a very vigorous grower, and in a field where it was growing with other sorts, its rank foliage enabled one to identify the rows at once. I judge from careful observation that it is as productive as any variety now before the public. The fruit is round and generally symmetrical, the berry being a little longer than the Cumberland Triumph, and it averages much larger than that variety. It is very solid and will bear shipment well. In color it is of a dark crimson, a little patchy in appearance before it becomes fully ripe. Then it is solid crimson. In quality I think it better than any other in cultivation,—it certainly surpasses the Downing or Gandy."

"Timbrell is a variety of great merit, and all who have it should increase their stock as fast as possible. That it will be a standard variety there is no doubt. I have watched it carefully, and am glad to report that it has not a single weak point. The plant is a luxurious grower and enormously productive. The fruit is very large, nearly always of regular, conical form, crimson color, firm, and of very excellent quality and one of the latest to ripen."—M. CRAWFORD.

"My Dear Sir:—Yes, I have tried the Timbrell, and it is, as judged by me, the best berry—all things considered—I have ever tried.

"Abundantly productive, of the first quality, large size, and having a characteristic form, which is fairly regular; it is, besides, a firm berry. The vines are vigorous and hardy. I can hardly say too much in favor of this berry from one season's trial." Sincerely, E. S. CARMAN, Editor of the *Rural New Yorker*.

Dear Sir:—Yours inquiring about the Timbrell Strawberry, at hand. I saw the berry the first season it bore. It was sent to me to be named (I was then editor of the *Orange County Farmer*), and I have seen it every year since, three or four I think, both on my own place where I had a few plants; on Mr. Carman's place at River Edge, N. J.; on the grounds of the originator, and on one or two neighbors' places.

In quality it is very far superior to Parker Earle, or Bubach—indeed I know of no Strawberry now in cultivation so good, it is much finer than Gandy or Downing; in productiveness I think it will equal, if not surpass Bubach, and it is a much better yielder than Sharpless. I have only seen Parker Earle in small beds, and so cannot judge between it and Timbrell save in quality.

The fruit is large, generally uniform in shape, and dark crimson in color; the plant is vigorous—a rank grower. Solid as Bubach. It is the best grower of any berry I know, and it has a future.—E. G. Fowler, Associate Editor of the *Rural New Yorker*.

One plant bore 125 berries, and ripened every one of them. They are fine flavored and deliciously sweet, and will bear shipping well. Having cultivated the berry for two years, I can say that it is *the best berry in existence*, both for table and market.—Wm. M. Valentine.

In conclusion will say that my stock was grown from plants procured direct from the introducer and are strictly pure, and being grown in a rich loam they are very large, vigorous and well rooted plants. My plants of this variety will average at least twice as large as those sent me by the introducer last spring and are worth much more than small, poorly-rooted plants.

**ROBISON.**—Was sent to me by Mr. John Little, of Ontario, Canada. It is one of the finest growers on the place. We had single leaves of this variety almost as big as your hand and not a spot of rust to be seen. I have a great deal of faith in this new berry although I have not seen it fruit. I shall plant quite a lot of them myself and would advise our patrons to try a few.

**REGINA.**—Originated by a strawberry specialist of Alabama. It is said to be a fine grower, very productive, of large size, and the latest of all. Has not fruited here yet.





**GREENVILLE.**—I have seen this in fruit and am very favorably impressed with it. As compared with Bubach it is about equal to it in size and productiveness while it is much firmer and the plant twice as prolific a grower. No one need hesitate to plant Greenville as it has already practically become a standard variety.

Granton, Ontario, Canada.—The Greenville Strawberry plants sent here for testing still maintain my former reports about them. The plant is without blemish, vigorous and productive. It is a showy market sort. I value it much, and I find no weak points in it after a three years test. I can fully recommend it for general cultivation. Yours truly, John Little.

(Mr. Little is considered among the best authorities on strawberries in Canada.)

Taken as a whole, it was one of the very best among some 150 different varieties fruited at the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station this season (1891). The Crescent is the only one equalling it in productiveness, while but two excelled it in size.—John W. Clark, Horticulturist.

State College, Center County, Penn. E. M. Buechly, Greenville, O., Dear Sir: The Greenville Strawberry gave the best results of all the varieties grown here this season. The yield was the largest and the quality of berries very fine. This berry promises to hold a foremost place among the future standard sorts, as it is a large fruit, ripening evenly and early. The plants are vigorous and hardy. It deserves the highest recommendation. Very truly, Geo. C. Butz.



LaFayette, Ind. The Greenvills Strawberry which you sent us in the spring of 1890 has made a good growth, and we have just finished picking a magnificent crop of fruit. The berry is quite uniformly large, of good quality, and makes a fine appearance. I am very much pleased with its behavior this year—J. Troop, Horticulturist, Indiana Agricultural Experiment Station.

The Greenville Strawberry has been one of the best varieties tested at this Station this year. The fruits are very fine and of good quality. The plants make a vigorous growth and multiply rapidly.—Peter Collier, Director New York Agricultural Experiment Station.

The following is the official report of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station: The Greenville is a strong competitor of the Bubach, and indeed bears some resemblance to that variety. The plants are a shade lighter in color than the Bubach, make a stronger growth and are quite as productive. The berries average a little smaller than Bubach, but are more uniform in size and regular in outline, and of finer texture. It seems probable that the Greenville will have the important advantage over the Bubach of being a better shipper.—W. J. Green, Horticulturist Ohio Experiment Station.

Ft. Hill, S. C. Dear Sir. Replying to your favor in regard to behavior of Greenville Strawberry, I will say that it ripens a week earlier than the Sharpless and Wilson. The berry is a little larger than Wilson, fine in texture, superior in flavor. Leaves small and erect, and comparatively free from rust. It was not planted near Crescent and Michael's Early, but gave ripe berries at the same time. I consider it a valuable acquisition to our list of varieties.—J. S. Newman, Vice Director Experiment Station.

Seaford, Del. The Greenville as I saw it on June 1, at my home in Delaware, was the best I had, all things considered, in over 100 varieties. It seems to be all right, and was the admiration of all who saw it. A strong grower, good bearer, large size, firm and sweet.—Charles Wright.

Under date of July 17, 1893, G. W. Tryon, Tryonville, Pa., writes: As regards Greenville Strawberry, as a matter of course, I had expected a good showing from it, from the fact that I had seen so many favorable reports from it, but must say that it has far exceeded my expectations. The plants are vigorous and very productive. Berries of fine flavor and uniformly large. Surely the Greenville has come to stay.

Hanover, Wis., July 10, 1893. Dear Sir. In reply to your inquiry of July 1, will say that the strawberry crop of Southern Wisconsin was not satisfactory, but nevertheless Greenville showed its colors and is a "dandy"—no mistake. It is one among a hundred that will take and hold rank among the standards. I only set out 100 plants of it this Spring—am very sorry now that I did not set out more, but I make it a rule not to set out but very sparingly of any new thing until I know what it is. Out of forty varieties I give it first place for productiveness. For hardiness, shape and color it is all that could be desired, and for quality and aroma it is simply delicious. My twenty-five pickers all took notice of this feature, and had some remarks to make when they came into the sheds where Greenville was. My dealer said to me the first time I went to the city, after sending him a few of the Greenville: "What new variety is that you sent me the other day? It is grand. It fills the store with a delightful aroma. My customers all noticed it as soon as they came in the door." Very truly, E. J. Scofield.



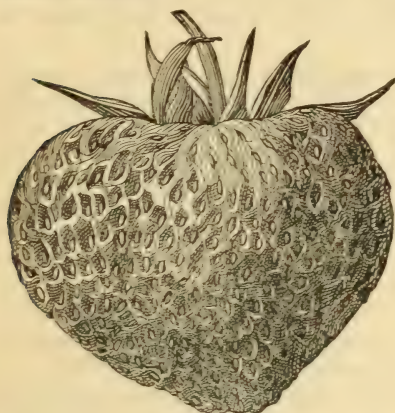
**MUSKINGUM.**—In 1884 this berry received the first prize and was named at the summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society, held at the Experiment Station, June 11, 1890. We have been cultivating and testing this variety for about eight years, being better pleased with its behavior each year, till now it is our main cropper. It makes a large, perfect blossom on good stout fruit stems, and is very prolific in bearing, and in vigor and growth of plant is not surpassed by any. Never blights, scalds or burns in the leaf, no matter how hot or wet the weather. The berries are of large size, and continue large to the end of the season. In form, obtusely conical, but mostly round toward last of the season; yet few of the very



largest are coxcomb. They ripen very evenly all over: the berries never scald or burn in the sun, and we have had them hang on vines for several days after ripening without spoiling. The berry is a very nice, red, glossy color, with red flesh and of good flavor, which makes it a good berry for home use and one of the most profitable market berries we have ever grown.

It is as productive as the Crescent. in quarts. In June, 1890, one row made nearly as much money as two rows of Crescent with equal cultivation.

M. Crawford says: "This has again succeeded admirably, and is likely to become a standard variety. It seems to do well on any soil, and it needs no special culture. With an ordinary chance it bears a heavy crop of large, fine looking berries. It is usually of roundish, conical form, rarely misshapen, and of fine color clear through."



CHAIRS.

✓ **CHAIRS.**—Originated with Franklin Chairs of Anne Arundle County, Maryland. This is of very large size, medium early, productive, and a vigorous grower. The fruit is round-conical and perfectly formed, making it very attractive. Those who are looking for a fine large variety for home use or near market should not fail to include Chairs in their collection.

✓ **DEW.**—Is a very vigorous grower with large healthy foliage, somewhat resembling Sharpless, but perhaps a little larger. It has done very well here, but I hear some bad reports, also some good ones. Originated in Michigan.

✓ **BEEBE.**—This has been condemned by its introducer as being worthless, and he has offered to refund, in other stock to be selected from his catalogue, to the amount paid him for Beebe plants. I have fruited it and shall not call on him to refund anything to me, as with me it is a fine berry. It was an easy matter to find specimens that would measure six and seven inches in circumference. It was the most productive of very large berries of any variety I ever fruited, and the average size was the largest of any we had. The berry is, however, too soft for distant shipment, and did not ripen as early as might be desired, but it is a grand berry nevertheless, if planted in rich soil, given thorough cultivation and not allowed to get too thick.



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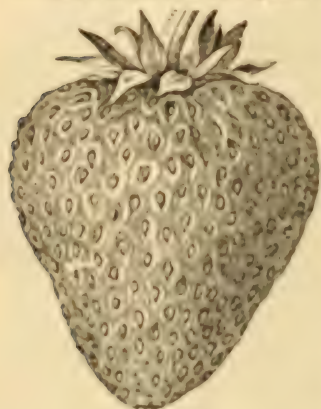
✓ **LEADER.**—The Leader fills the long felt want of a *large extremely early berry*. It is of fine quality, oblong in shape and very bright crimson in color, enormously productive and continues in fruit for a long season, maturing the last berries nearly as large as the first. Blossoms are strong staminate. Plants very vigorous, making plenty of runners, and showing no trace of scald or rust.

We claim all the good qualities for the Leader, with the added merits of being very large and early, and we know of no berry that has attracted more attention, or created such excitement as the Leader.

M. Crawford says in his July report: "The plants and fruit were among the finest on my place. It is early, large, has a good color and excellent quality. I have heard no unfavorable reports from any quarter, and I think the Leader is destined to become one of the standard varieties."

The following is the description by the introducer, given last year: "It is signally the strawberry novelty of the season, and is now offered for the first time. It is a strongly staminate variety; the plant is absolutely perfect in vigor and habit; the fruit is produced in great abundance, on tall, stout fruit stems. It is of large size, firm, beautiful in form, and colors all over at once, (no green noses). It originated within a mile of my home. I consider it, by all odds, the most promising berry ever sent out. It was a week ahead of any other variety on my grounds in ripening."

**BEVERLY.**—The plant is a very vigorous healthy grower and a prolific bearer. It has a perfect blossom that is not liable to be injured by a late frost. Its season is from medium to late, and it bears a long time, holding up in size well to the last. The berry resembles its parent, the Miner's Prolific, being of large size, regular form, and often a little uneven on the surface. It is dark, glossy red all over, and not inclined to fade. The flesh is firm, and very good. The originator received eight dollars a bushel, at wholesale, for his whole crop last year. I have heard no unfavorable reports so far.



BEVERLY.

From what I have seen and heard, the plant of the Beverly is all that could be desired—large, and perfectly healthy, sending out great numbers of runners, and astonishingly productive, surpassing in this respect, the Bidwell, Jewel, Crescent and other noted varieties grown in the same garden with an equal chance.

The Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station reports on Beverly as follows: "Plants of strong growth; leaf stalk of medium length, stout; leaflets, large, broad ovate; teeth irregular; medium green color; texture, papery; blossomed full; first ripe fruits, June 21st; crop at best, June 26th; fruit, large, round conical or long conical, sometimes slightly ridged; dark crimson color when fully ripe; productiveness, 8.5; quality, 9.5; firmness 9.5; crop held out well in size and productiveness plants rusted but little; the fruit has the fault of not ripening at the tip; a promising berry for shipping purposes."

**PRINCETON CHIEF**—The Princeton Chief originated by F. W. Poscharsky in 1881. Its parentage is not known, but it is supposed to be a cross of the Crescent, with Kentucky; is a tall, luxuriant grower, with a large, dark green foliage, free from rust or disease, very prolific, enduring extremes of heat and cold. The Princeton Chief has been tested on different soils for six years; the Chief will grow on any soil, the same as the Crescent. The blossom is large and perfect, but as it has not fruited here yet I will give the experience of some other well known parties who know more of it.

From the Painesville Nurseries: F. W. Poscharsky & Son. Gentlemen. The Princeton Chief strawberry plants are making good healthy growth and are fine

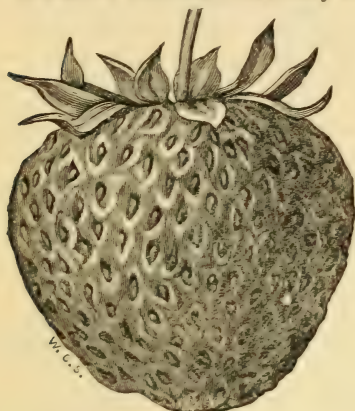


looking plants. We did not allow them to fruit any this season, as they were planted very late. Yours truly, Storrs & Harrison Co.

F. W. Poscharsky & Son. Respected friends. Your sample case of Princeton Chief to hand. Please accept thanks. Though they had been on the road some time, we could see that they were a good color and size, an attractive looking berry and a firm good shipper, as berries were still quite solid. Hoping your berry will continue to fulfill your expectations, I am very truly, Isaac C. Rogers.

F. W. Poscharsky. Dear Sir. Accept thanks for the beautiful strawberries received this morning. They appear to have been picked when too ripe. They arrived in fair condition. The berries are large and of good flavor and seem to be a promising variety. With best wishes for your success, I remain very respectfully yours, Chas. A. Green.

**GANDY BELLE.**—Is a very large berry, perfect bloom and very productive.



GANDY BELLE.

Berries dark red when ripe. The plant is a very strong grower, always makes a heavy bed of plants. Time of ripening, early; quality, very fine. Cleveland Nursery Co. describes it as follows: It was sent to us as the best berry ever sent out, being large, early, firm, productive and healthy. We find it is all that was claimed for it and this year out of all our berries this was put down as the best taking into consideration its firmness, making it a good shipper. It is a perfect beauty and this season as near the Ideal strawberry as can be found or that we find up to this time.

I have great confidence in this berry and believe it would pay our customers to invest in a few plants.

**IOWA BEAUTY or CHILDS.**—This has been well named, for beautiful it is in form and color. Beauty, however, is not its only merit. for it is of large size, exceedingly firm and of the highest quality. The berries are regular in form, of the shape shown in the cut, and exceptionally uniform in size. Color, brilliant crimson and so glossy as to have the appearance of having been varnished, with golden seeds laid upon the surface. Plant of very vigorous though not rampant growth, with a perfect blossom and yielding abundantly.



IOWA BEAUTY or CHILDS.

**PRINCESS.**—From what I have heard and seen of this berry, I believe it to be one of the very best market varieties ever introduced. It was one of the few that yielded heavily on my place last season. I have grown it two years and find it to be a healthy, vigorous grower, making an abundance of strong runners. While it has no defects that I am aware of, its strong points are its wonderful productiveness, large size and attractive appearance. I shall plant largely of this variety and feel confident that no one will go wrong in doing likewise.

When I exhibited the Princess first there were fifteen competing for the prize. The Princess took it and was there named "Early Princess" by the Minnesota Horticultural Society. It has invariably taken the first prize. It has yielded with me one quart to the square foot. John C. Kramer.

The Princess is the most promising strawberry that has ever come to my notice. The plants are hardy, vigorous and enormously productive. It roots deep and stands drouth well. The fruit is very large, averaging larger than Jessie or Bubach No. 5, uniformly perfect in form, ripens all over at once, and holds up its size well to the end of the season. John S. Harris, in his report to the Minn. Hort. Soc.

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Prof. M. H. Beckwith, of Delaware College Agricultural Station, (Sept. 1892), says: "Princess is vigorous and healthy, no signs of blight; fruits medium in size, roundish in shape, deep, scarlet color; flesh pink, firm; quality excellent, sweet."

Peter Henderson & Co. say: "Just think of it! The individual berries of this grand new strawberry are so enormous that eighteen of them will fill a quart measure, and single berries are frequently produced measuring over six inches in circumference. It is wonderfully productive, of perfect form, attractive in color, ripening all over at once, holds its size until the end of the season, and is of unsurpassed flavor."

E. H. Benson in *Fruit Growers' Journal* says: "Princess is indeed a magnificent variety. In plant, fruit, quality, and quantity we cannot name its equal this year. The description from different sources have not been exaggerated in the least. We sent out about 20,000 of this variety as premiums to our subscribers the past spring, and it is more than gratifying to know that this is even better than we expected."

**ACCOMACK.**—A new variety from the southern part of this Peninsula.

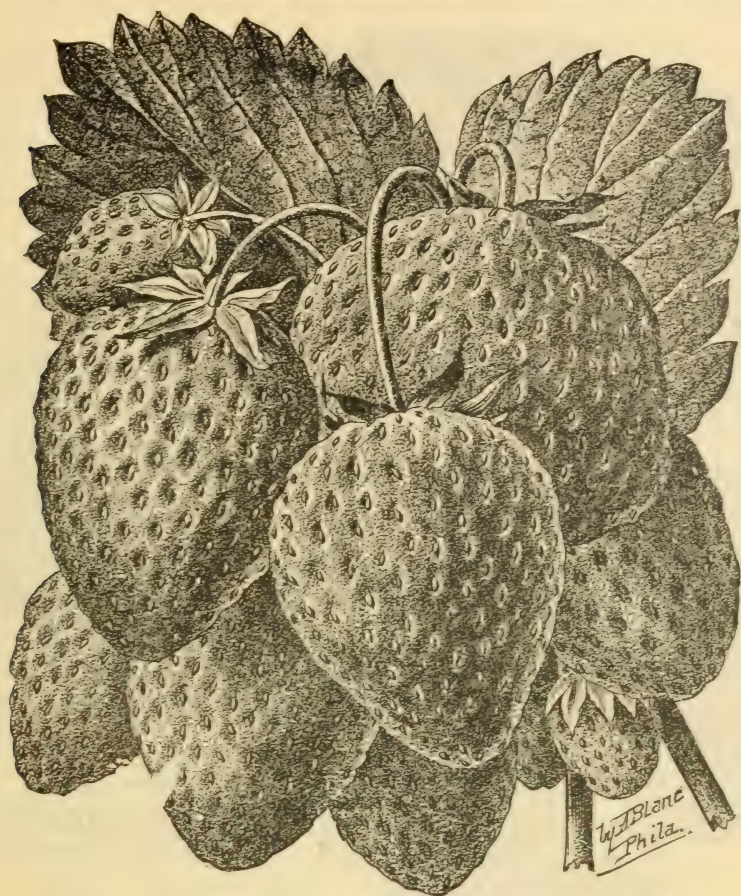


"Plant, a vigorous grower, somewhat inclined to stool. The fruit is large, approaching Sharpless in size, of good color, excellent flavor and perfect bloom. As productive as Bubach (No. 5), ripens five days after Hoffman and ahead of Crescent and holds up well through the season." This is the description of the originator, and we believe it a careful statement of its behavior at its home in Virginia, with me it is one of the finest growers I have, but last season I was somewhat disappointed in the crop it set a large amount of fruit but failed to bring the crop to maturity. It may do better at other places and may do better here another season.

**STERLING** is a very large fine berry, globe shaped, dark red color, and fine flavor. It is a vigorous, healthy grower, and well worthy a place in all strawberry collections.

Mr. T. B. Terry, the well known horticultural writer, proclaims the Sterling his favorite of them all.





**BARTON'S ECLIPSE.**—Another season has sustained my former good opinion of this berry and I feel confident no one will regret planting this grand variety, it is not widely disseminated nor well known but it is a splendid grower, perfectly healthy, and enormously productive. It is probably not excelled in these respects. The fruit is very large, of good form and color, and of the same general character as the Haverland. It will be a great market berry, ripens medium early, and is positively one of the most valuable ever introduced. I shall plant largely of this variety for fruit.

**GILLESPIE.**—Originated with Mr. Samuel Gillespie, of Butler Co., Ohio. It is a seedling of Haverland and very much resembles its parent in growth of plant and shape of fruit, the berry is very attractive, very large, and of delicious flavor. Some claim it is more productive than Haverland but I think that statement is misleading as very few varieties will equal the Haverland in productiveness. However, it has a perfect blossom and is a good shipper and although in my estimation it is not quite so productive as Haverland it is, nevertheless, a valuable acquisition.

M. Crawford in his July, 1893, report says: "Gillespie is very satisfactory here and most excellent reports come from others. It was John F. Beaver's largest. He had one berry three and a half inches in diameter (not circumference). It is rather early, of good quality, fine appearance and is a good thing in every way."



THE  
GILLESPIE  
STRAWBERRY.

**GEN. PUTNAM.**—Some years ago, in an old berry field where had formerly been grown Cumberland Triumphs and Crescents, was found a seedling strongly resembling the Cumberland in plant growth, but having imperfect blossoms and producing considerable more fruit, of much the same form, color and flavor of that superb old variety that, had it proved more productive, would have been a better berry for general purpose than any we have yet had. The seedling was taken up and cultivated, and soon proved to be so very valuable it was named General Putnam, in honor of the old-time owner of the farm, and, from year to year, the plantings of this variety have been increased, the fruit commanding such a ready sale at high prices that most other varieties have had to be abandoned.



GEN. PUTNAM.





# LOVETT

✓ **LOVETT.**—This was a great favorite with all who saw it here this season, and my opinion is that no one will make a mistake in planting it. It seems to succeed everywhere, and is more remarkable for its many good points than for any one prominent characteristic. It is very firm and productive. Ripens midseason, and not early as was first claimed by the introducer. It is, however, a good reliable market berry.

✓ **STAYMAN No. 1.**—A recent variety from Kansas, supposed to be a seedling of Crescent; about as productive, and fruit similar in form and size; firmer and of better quality, but color not as bright. Plant vigorous and a rapid grower. It blooms late, but is only a few days behind Crescent in ripening, and continues longer in bearing, holding out with the latest. Characteristics of both plant and fruit indicate a cross from Crescent and Glendale.

✓ **JESSIE** has again done well here the past season, in many sections it is considered one of the best. It has been so extensively advertised and planted that it is well known everywhere. I will say to those wanting this variety that we have a very fine stock of this standard old variety.



STAYMAN NO. 1.



JESSIE.

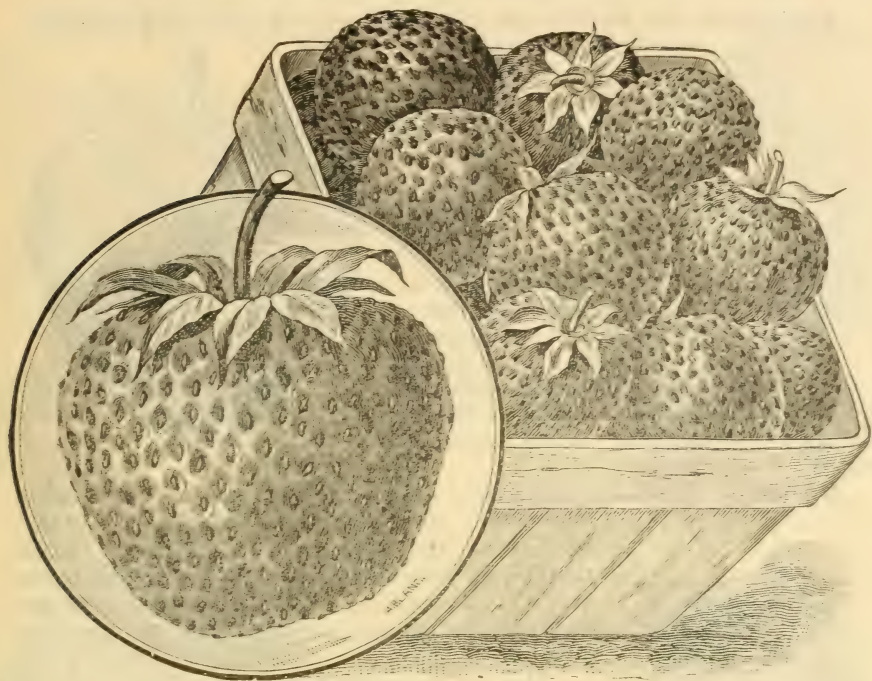
✓ **CLARK'S EARLY**.—Comes from Oregon. It makes strong healthy plants as large as Bubach with never a trace of rust; leaves lie close to the ground and keep remarkably green during winter. This is identical with Early Idaho for which so much is claimed. It is early and large but only moderately productive.



✓ **BEDER WOOD**.—Originated at M. line, Ill. This is one of the very best early berries that has ever fruited with me. It is not only very early, but it is immensely productive. The plant is a good, healthy grower, and sends out a large number of runners. It seems to be none the worse for maturing its great crop, for it produces fine healthy runners at the same time and throughout the season. The fruit is large, conical, bright red, and of excellent quality.

✓ **SHUSTER'S GEM** is a good variety, productive, above medium size and a free grower, but rusted some.





✓ **WOOLVERTON.**—I have fruited this in both hills and matted rows, and am convinced that it is a variety of great merit. Wherever it has been tested it has made a good record. It is a splendid grower, remaining green and healthy all summer, sending out a good number of runners, and bearing abundantly. The blossom is perfect, and it remains in bloom a long time. In fact it always matures a part of its crop before it is done blooming. This is a valuable characteristic, because it will prevent any great loss by a late frost, and also make it a rare variety to plant with pistillates. The fruit is very large, resembling the Bubach in form, except that the first and largest berry on the stem is often more irregular. The color is a beautiful bright red, and the quality is good. I am very glad to be at liberty to offer this variety to my customers as I think it is one that will give satisfaction. It was originated by John Little, of Canada, and named for the editor of the *Canadian Horticulturist*.

Mr. M. Crawford writes the originator as follows :

Cuyahoga Falls, O , Dec. 15, 1891.

Dear Friend Little:—After fruiting the Woolverton three times, both in hills and matted rows, and under various conditions, I am of the opinion that it is one of the most valuable ever introduced. In fact, I am always surprised to see how well it does. The plant is a strong, vigorous grower, very healthy, makes a sufficient number of strong runners, and is a very good bearer. The blossom is perfect and it remains in bloom a long time. The fruit is large to very large. I have had it seven inches in circumference, rarely misshapen, bright glossy red, firm and of good quality. Mr. W. J. Green, of the Ohio Experiment Station, one of the most careful and accurate men, reports substantially as above. I had his verbal report at the meeting of the State Society some days ago. M. Crawford.

**SWINDLE.**—The plant in habit of growth somewhat resembles the Glendale, although with rather broader leaves; it is a more vigorous grower than either of its parents, and makes runners freely; leaf and fruit stalks are long and stout, fruit stalks very abundant and branch freely, so that often thirty to fifty berries form on a single cluster; blossoms, pistillate; blooms medium till late; fruit ripens late till very late; large to very large; rich, dark, glossy scarlet color; sprightly, high flavor, somewhat acid, but of excellent quality, firm and solid, and a grand shipper; in a general way, both plant and fruit resemble Gandy, only the berries average larger and of richer color. Swindle is fully as late and will produce four times as much fruit as Gandy, making it the grandest late market or family variety yet introduced.



SWINDLE.

**PARKER EARLE.**—This is one of the few varieties that seem to succeed in all localities. I have been on the lookout for all that has been written concerning it, and I have yet to hear the first unfavorable report. It is just what it was claimed to be—no more, no less. It was the most productive of any on my place last season. The fruit is of good size, long, conical, with a slight neck, very bright red, and of good, though not best quality. It is firm enough to carry well, and so fine looking that it will always sell. The plants are healthy and vigorous, making immense crowns and not very many runners. As a market variety, it will be very popular when better known. Season late.



PARKER EARLE.

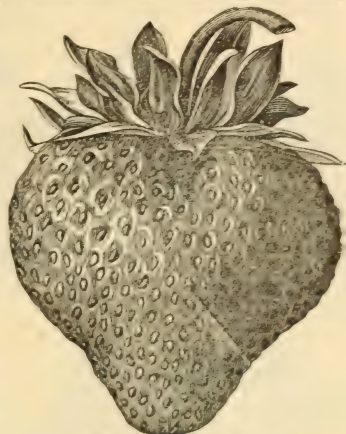
**DAYTON.**—A new variety that is highly praised in Montgomery County, O., where it is well and favorably known. It is a fine large berry, of dark crimson color, firm, of handsome form and excellent quality. The plant is a healthy and vigorous grower with large, clean foliage. It is very promising and is said to possess unusual shipping qualities. It is among the best of the large, newer sorts and we can recommend this variety as one that will give satisfactory returns in the shape of handsome fruit if given fair treatment. Season early.

Mr. Crawford in his July, '93, report speaks of it as follows: "Dayton was a great surprise to me. The absence of late frosts probably saved it. It was one of the earliest, large and of fine appearance, and good quality. The crop was fair.





**MEEKS EARLY** ripens with Michel's Early, Hoffman, etc., it is quite firm, large size for an early berry, and more productive than most early sorts. I believe this is destined to become the leading berry for many sections. The plants are large and vigorous, do not make as many runners as Mitchel's Early but plants are twice as large.



MEEKS EARLY.

**SAUNDERS.**—A Canadian berry of great value for the market grower. I wish that all my customers would test it, as it is among the most desirable. The plant is large and vigorous, and is as healthy and hardy as any ever sent out. It makes many runners, has a perfect blossom, and is very productive. The fruit is very large, conical, slightly flattened, and often has a depression on one or both sides. It is deep red, and remarkably glossy. The flesh is of the same color, and has a slightly, agreeable flavor.

**EDGAR QUEEN.**—This is the result of a lifetime devoted to improving the strawberry. The originator selected this as the very best from a lot of 5,000 plants grown from the seed. It is unrivaled as a plant producer and equals Crescent in productiveness. Probably the most beautiful berry ever raised. The originator selected berries over  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, sixteen of which filled a quart basket and weighed one pound.



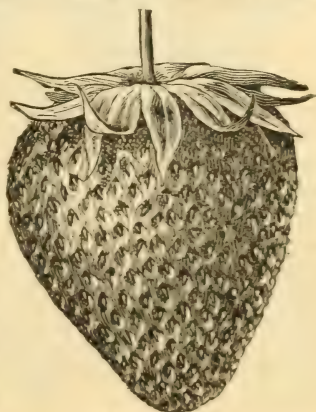
EDGAR QUEEN.

**MRS. CLEVELAND** is one of the finest growers I ever saw. Always making large, healthy, vigorous plants. The fruit is very large and fine but too soft for distant shipment. For home use or near market it is one of the best.

**STEVENS** very much resembles Hoffman, same size and as firm. It is more productive, but rusts worse.

**VANDEMAN.**—A vigorous grower, with strong and healthy foliage, that much resembles the Lovett in plant and habit, and is remarkably productive under favorable conditions. It has received much praise from the Experiment Stations and is said to combine more good qualities than any of the other new varieties. The berries are large, conical, uniform and regular, deep glossy scarlet in color, firm, and of a sprightly sub-acid flavor. They are handsome and attractive and the variety is to be commended as a very promising new market sort, yielding profitable returns. Early.

**MINEOLA**—This berry has been grown on Long Island for seven or eight years, but has never before been offered to the public. It is a berry of exceptional good quality. The fruit is very large in size and exceedingly sweet and luscious in quality. The foliage is of great size, vigorous and healthy. Fruit borne



VAN DEMAN.

on strong stems, which stand erect, holding the berries up out of the dirt and sand. It is a fine exhibition berry and always takes first prize.



**GANDY**—I have fruited this variety and find it to be a valuable late sort; the favorite late variety with fruit growers all over the country. By its use the season of strawberries is extended by nearly two weeks. Among all the new varieties of the past few years there is none that has so run the gauntlet of public opinion or so quickly become a leading popular sort. The berries are of large, uniform size and shape, of bright crimson color, very handsome and showy, of superior quality, very firm, and ripen two weeks after Sharpless. As a market berry it has no equal: its very large size, striking beauty, exceeding firmness, excellent quality, and lateness, make it, beyond all question, a most profitable berry. It is so late that it does not begin to get ripe until almost all others are done. For the home table it is equally valuable, its fine quality, beauty and size rendering it a universal favorite. Our present stock of Gandy is unusually fine and much larger than heretofore.



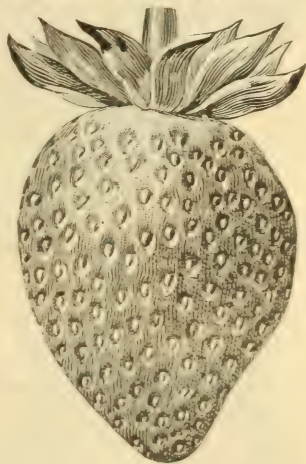
✓ **ENHANCE.**—It is a general purpose berry, and can be grown for a fancy or high priced market, for home use, for canning, for pleasure or for profit. The plant is a vigorous and healthy grower, with dark green foliage; it sets an abundance of well proportioned runners which easily take root. It is a beautiful grower; its flower is perfect. The quality is good, being slightly acid, but not sour. Its berries are of the large size, and being very firm and of a bright crimson color, makes them very attractive and salable. Its firmness aids in its keeping qualities both before and after being picked.



ENHANCE.

Ohio, however, describes it as being very productive, quite early. Berries large, roundish conical, slightly flattened and usually necked, flesh firm and of a rich agreeable flavor and thinks it will disappoint no one.

✓ **E. P. ROE.**—From the Hudson River fruit region, where it has given very satisfactory results. It is valuable for its lateness in ripening, and for its fine quality. The plant is a good strong grower and on good soil, productive. Berries large with short neck, of rich crimson color, and excellent flavor. We have heard some complaint that E. P. Roe was a poor grower, etc. But it has certainly done very well here, the plants as grown here are quite bluff and vigorous and satisfactory every way so far.



E. P. ROE.

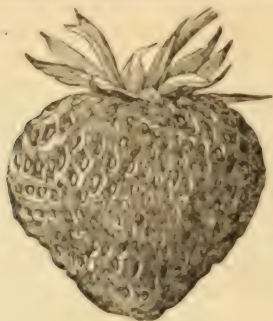
✓ **SANDOVAL** is from Illinois and might be called a perfect blossomed Warfield, it is very productive, firm, and good color, medium size.

✓ **TIPPECANOE** is very large and round as an apple. Moderately productive. Medium early and good quality. Hardly productive enough to become popular.

✓ **AUBURN.**—From southern Ohio. I have fruited this once, and am well pleased with it. The plant is healthy and productive. Blossoms, pistillate. It is rather early, of regular, conical form, fine looking, and of good quality.

✓ **MICHEL'S EARLY.**—This was the best early berry with us the past season, and we believe it is destined to take the place of the Hoffman in the South. The plant is a vigorous grower, fairly productive, of good size, and matures its crop early when berries are high. We shall plant largely of this variety. It is one of the best to fertilize with, as it blooms through a long season, and is full of pollen.

✓ **CRESCENT.**—Too well known to need description. Our stock of this old standard sort is very fine.



MICHEL'S EARLY.



CRESCENT.

**BUBACH NO. 5.**—This variety has taken a prominent position in strawberry culture, in most cases taking the place of the Sharpless, which it resembles in shape, but it is fully double as productive as that variety. This berry is a wonder in its season of fruit, completely covering the ground about the plants with large berries. The Bubach is a strictly pistillate variety and needs to be well fertilized with some perfect flowering kind. The fruit is large and irregular in shape, holding out quite large until the last picking. The flavor is ordinarily good.



BUBACH NO. 5.

✓ **WALTON.**—This is a strong, healthy grower, large, and firm.

✓ **SHARPLESS.**—Too well known to need a description.

✓ **SOUTHARD** made a great show of bloom at first of season but did not turn out well, will try it again.

**HAVERLAND.**—A native of Ohio, but does not lose its reputation by going into other states. This is one of the most productive berries on the market to-day. The plant is a very vigorous grower. It bids fair to be a fine shipping variety, and, as it is very large, will command good prices in market for years to come. No one will ever regret planting it. I shall plant largely of it for market, as I believe it to be one of the most profitable varieties in cultivation.



HAVERLAND.

✓ **MIDDLEFIELD.**—This is a seedling strawberry which originated with P. M. Augur & Sons, Middlefield, Conn., and one which they have grown and admired for a number of years. It is quite distinct from any other berry we know of, both in plant and fruit. The fruit is quite firm, solid, and a good shipper; color, a dark glossy crimson, which gives it a brilliancy and attractiveness which few varieties possess. The flesh is crimson clear through.





**HOFFMAN** is too well known to need much comment, being one of the most popular varieties grown in the South for northern markets. The true stock is of fair size, moderately productive, and the firmest of all early kinds yet introduced.

**WARFIELD, No. 2.**—As a general purpose berry for North, South, East and West, there is no better variety than this. Though of comparatively recent introduction, it has been widely disseminated, and its record is sufficient to place it in the list of standard sorts not only, but well at the head of that list, combining, as it does, every requisite of a first-class berry adapted to general cultivation. It succeeds everywhere, and never fails to produce a paying crop. Ahead of Crescent in time, size, form and quality, rivaling it in health, hardiness, vigor and productiveness, and much superior in color and firmness, it deserves to supersede that well-known variety in every section.



WARFIELD, NO. 2.

**CRAWFORD.**—Is a fine large berry, firm and of good quality. It is also a sturdy, healthy grower but is not productive on poor sandy soil. When given high culture it is one of the best.

✓ **GREAT PACIFIC** is, I believe, a valuable early market berry. It is as early as Crescent and quite as productive with the advantage of ripening up twice as much fruit the first pickings. The fruit is also much larger and will equal Haverland in size, vigor and productiveness, but is darker in color, both fruit and foliage. A valuable variety.

✓ **CUMBERLAND** is a good, large berry, good flavor, but not productive enough with us and very soft. In general the Cumberland is a good sand berry, and with a great many, one of the most profitable, but we do not think it advisable to plant many Cumberlandas until you see how they do on your own soil.

✓ **ALABAMA** is of great favorite with some, it is of very fine quality and of medium size. The past season it was fairly productive and firm. Time of ripening, early.

✓ **EDWARD'S FAVORITE** comes from the far west and much is claimed for it in the way of size, productiveness, etc., here. The past season it was badly affected by drouth but we got some very fine specimens the first of the season. The berry is quite firm.

✓ **STANDARD.**—Color, a beautiful crimson; plants very vigorous, free from rust or scald; season of ripening, medium to late, and the fruit is borne high above the ground on strong stalks, ripening very evenly. Many individual plants had from nine to thirteen fruit stalks, producing from two to three quarts to a single plant. One very important point with this berry is its dryness: fruit kept three days was not decayed, but rather inclined to shrivel and dry up rather than to rot or soften, which is a remarkable point in a strawberry for shipping purposes. Messrs. Campbell and Gowing, of North Reading, the criginators, have grown seedling strawberries for more than a score of years, and this berry is the chosen one among thousands which they have grown and fruited. We hope all strawberry



GREAT PACIFIC.



STANDARD.

growers will give the Standard a trial.

✓ **MONMOUTH.**—An early sort, but somewhat lacking in foliage in our beds. Berry large and of good appearance. We know reliable growers who consider this the best early strawberry.

## OLD VARIETIES RENAMED.

Early Idaho is Clark's Early renamed.

Boynton is Crescent under a new name.

Ella is only a new name for Michel's Early.

Beder Wood is called Racster by some.

Gandy and First Season are identical.

Lovett was first called Lovett's Early.

Sandoval and Warfield No. 1 are the same.



**DISCARDED.**

Some of the following varieties have some merit and some of them are entirely worthless, but none of them have enough good qualities to justify their cultivation when we have dozens of others so much better. The list is as follows :

Acme,	Price Seedling,	Ontario,
Bessie,	Pearl,	Yale,
Bidwell,	Shaw,	Felton,
Bomba,	Capt. Jack,	Henderson,
Cloud Seedling,	Cowan,	Jersey Queen,
Eureka,	California,	Jucunda,
Farnsworth,	Clingto,	Kentucky,
Gipsy,	Cameronian,	Lida,
Lady Rusk,	Hatfield,	Parry,
May King,	Hyslop,	Old Iron Clad,
Oregon Everbearing,	Crystal City,	Manchester,
Pineapple,	Leviathan,	Mammoth,

Monarch (Viola—Anna Forest).

**IN CONCLUSION**

I wish to say to my many friends and patrons that the foregoing descriptions are true to the best of my knowledge. What I have to say concerning the different varieties is as I have seen them and mostly at home. Where other authority is quoted I have endeavored to give the best and most reliable. Some varieties that do well here may fail at some other place, but it is not my desire or intention to describe any variety in a way to mislead or disappoint anyone.

**PRICE LIST.**

19 VARIETIES.	12 by mail postpaid.	100 by mail postpaid.	100 by ex- press lot prepaid.	1000 by ex- press not prepaid.
Accomack.....	\$ 25	\$ 1 00	\$ 80	\$ 6 00
Alabama.....	20	60	40	3 00
Auburn, (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
Barton's Eclipse, (P).....	20	80	60	5 00
Beebe.....	25	1 20	1 00	8 00
✓ Beder Wood.....	20	80	60	5 00
✓ Beverly.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
✓ Bubach No. 5 (P).....	20	60	40	3 00
✓ Chairs.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Clark's Early.....	25	1 20	1 00	
✓ Crawford.....	20	80	60	
✓ Crescent, (P).....	20	60	40	2 50
Cumberland ..	20	80	60	
✓ Dayton.....	20	80	60	4 00
Dew.....	25	1 20	1 00	8 00
✓ Edgar Queen, (P).....	20	60	40	3 00
Edward's Favorite.....	25	1 20	1 00	
✓ Enhance.....	20	80	60	5 00
✓ E. P. Roe.....	25	1 00	80	6 00

VARIETIES.	12 by mail postpaid.	100 by mail postpaid.	100 by ex- press not prepaid.	1000 by ex- press not prepaid.
✓ Gandy Belle.....	\$ 50	\$2 70	\$2 50	\$20 00
✓ Gandy.....	20	80	60	3 50
✓ Gen. Putnam, (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
✓ Gillespie.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
✓ Gov. Hoard.....	20	80	60	4 00
✓ Great Pacific, (P).....	20	70	50	4 00
✓ Greenville, (P).....	50	2 20	2 00	15 00
✓ Haverland, (P).....	20	60	40	3 00
✓ Hoffman.....	20	60	40	2 50
Iowa Beauty.....	50	2 20	2 00	
Jessie.....	20	60	40	3 00
✓ Leader.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
✓ Lovett.....	20	60	40	3 00
Middlefield, (P).....	20	80	60	
✓ Meek's Early.....	20	80	60	5 00
✓ Michel's Early.....	20	60	40	2 50
✓ Mineola.....	50	2 20	2 00	
Monmouth.....	20	60	40	
✓ Mrs. Cleveland, (P).....	20	60	40	
✓ Muskingum.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
✓ Parker Earle.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
✓ Princess, (P).....	25	1 00	80	5 00
✓ Princeton Chief.....	1 00	4 20	4 00	
Regina, (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
✓ Robison.....	1 00	5 20	5 00	
✓ Sandoval.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
✓ Saunders.....	20	80	60	5 00
✓ Sharpless.....	20	60	40	3 00
✓ Shuster's Gem, (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
Southard.....	20	80	60	4 00
Standard.....	20	80	60	5 00
✓ Stayman No. 1, (P).....	20	60	40	3 00
Stevens.....	20	60	40	3 00
Sterling, (P).....	20	80	60	5 00
✓ Swindle, (P).....	25	1 20	1 00	8 00
✓ Timbrell, (P).....	1 50	6 20	6 00	50 00
Tippecanoe.....	20	80	60	5 00
✓ Van Deman.....	25	1 20	1 00	8 00
Walton.....	20	80	60	
✓ Warfield, (P).....	20	60	40	3 00
✓ Woolverton.....	25	1 00	80	6 00

Those marked (P) have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and must be planted near some variety with perfect blossoms to fruit them.



## COLLECTIONS.

It has been my custom for several years past to offer a number of special collections which have given such universal satisfaction that we will again offer them.

### BY MAIL POSTPAID.

**Collection A.** (Early and Late).—12 Michel's Early, 12 Dayton, 12 Princess, 12 Lovett, 12 Gandy, 12 Stayman No. 1 for \$1.00.

**Collection B.** (Early and Late). 12 Meek's Early, 12 Leader, 12 Woolverton, 12 Muskingum, 12 Swindle for \$1.00.

**Collection C.** (Early). 12 Meek's Early, 12 Michel's Early, 12 Great Pacific, 12 Leader, 12 Chairs for \$1.00.

**Collection D.** (Medium). 12 Princess, 12 Barton's Eclipse, 12 Gillespie, 12 Auburn, 12 Beverly for \$1.00.

**Collection E.** (Late). 12 Muskingum, 12 Swindle, 12 Enhance, 12 Gandy, 12 E. P. Roe for \$1.00.

**Collection F.** (New kinds). 6 Timbrell, 6 Greenville, 6 Gandy Belle, 6 Chairs all for \$1.00.

**Collection G.** One dozen each of six good varieties for home use, my selection \$1.00.

**Collection H.** One dozen each of six good market sorts, my selection, \$1.00.

**Collection I.** Six plants each of five new varieties, my selection, \$1.00.

### BY EXPRESS—RECEIVER TO PAY CHARGES.

**Collection J.** (Early and Late). 25 Michel's Early, 25 Van Deman, 25 Beverly, 25 Princess, 25 Muskingum for \$1.00.

**Collection K.** (Medium). 25 Princess, 25 Barton's Eclipse 25 Beverly, 25 Gillespie, 25 Woolverton for \$1.00.


**Collection L.** (Late). 25 Swindle, 25 Gandy, 25 Muskingum, 25 Regina, 25 Enhance for \$1.00.

**Collection M.** (New kinds). 25 Timbrell, 25 Greenville, 25 Gandy Belle for \$2.00.

**Collection N.** Fifty plants each of six good varieties for home use or near market, my selection, \$2.00.

**Collection O.** Fifty plants each of six good varieties for shipping purposes, my selection, \$2.00.

**Collection P.** 100 each of ten good kinds for general purposes, my selection, for \$5.00.

 When ordering the above Collections, please order by the letters A, B, C, D, etc.

## TESTIMONIALS.

Below I present a few of the many testimonials that I am continually receiving from all parts of the country. Could produce hundreds of others would space permit :

Washington Co., Ark. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : The seventy-two varieties of plants came in good condition.

Yours truly, JOHN T. STINSON.

Waterman Co., Minn. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : Plants came to hand in splendid shape after their long journey.

Very truly yours, C. A. BOSTON.

Fryeboscot Co., Maine. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : Strawberry plants received a few days ago by express. Plants were in fine order and as nice plants as I ever received from any nurseryman.

Very truly yours, A. H. KNIGHT

Talbot Co., Maryland. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : The plants came to hand in good shape and satisfactory in every particular. I do not believe I will lose a plant out of the 1,155 sent. The actual count will exceed that number. So much for your liberality.

Very truly yours, J. FRANK TURNER.

Anne Arundle Co., Maryland. Mr. Allen, *Dear Sir* : Enclosed please find check for One Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars (\$136.00) also your bill, which please receipt and return. The plants arrived in excellent condition. I am very much pleased with them and next year will order again if you send me your catalogue with best plants marked.

Very truly, J. T. HAMMOND.

Moultrie Co., Ill. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : It is with much pleasure that I inform you of my success with the strawberry plants I received from you in March. Out of the 400 plants I planted 300 and there is not one missing. I let a neighbor woman have 100, they are also doing fine. Cannot help it; such fine plants and roots cannot be beat. To say that I am very much pleased is expressing it very mild. The count was very satisfactory.

Very greatly yours, D. K. BELLER.

Richingham Co., N. H. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : The plants arrived in fine condition. I was more than satisfied with them. Thanks for the extra count.

Yours respectfully, J. H. CHAPMAN.

Augusta Co., Va. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : The strawberry plants arrived in nice order and are certainly No. 1 plants.

Very respt., WM. BELL.

Nance Co., Nebraska. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir* : The strawberry plants came all right. They are as fine as I ever saw.

Yours, A. J. MOSTAQUE.

Bergen Co., N. J. *Dear Sir* : The strawberry plants arrived in splendid condition. Everybody well pleased; do not think they will lose one. Please accept thanks for extra plants.

Yours truly, JAMES D. CARLOUGH.

Dukes Co., Mass. *Dear Sir* : Plants received this day in first class condition. I think them the best plants I ever handled.

Yours truly, F. H. JENKINS.

Marion Co., Oregon. *Dear Sir* : Collection B. of plants came in fine condition and we are much pleased for they are fine plants and your liberal count was more than we expected.

Respectfully, MRS. S. F. BENNETT.

Brooke Co., W. Va. My order of strawberry plants was received this morning in good order and I am well pleased with plants, liberal count, etc. Thanks.

Yours very truly, GEO. W. RUSSELL.

Winnebago Co., Wis. *Dear Sir* : I have received the Parker Earle strawberry plants in good condition.

Yours respectfully, GEO. G. JONES.



Tioga County, N. Y. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: The 1,000 Lovetts were received and I want to thank you for good stock and careful packing. I have been in the berry business for fifteen years, during which time I have had plants from about all the leading nurserymen, and I must say that your plants were packed the best of any lot I ever bought, have had good stock from other places, but your system of packing is perfection itself and I give you at least a part of my orders another season.

Very truly yours, J. E. DuBOIS.

Summit Co., Ohio. *Dear Sir*: The Crawford plants arrived on Saturday afternoon in good order.

Yours truly, M. CRAWFORD.

B. C., Canada. I must give you very great credit for knowing how to pack strawberry plants to send them such a long distance. I received all your plants to my order in splendid condition and they are all growing and looking well. I don't think that I shall lose a single plant and am more than pleased with them and the liberal manner in which you treated me.

I remain, yours very truly, JOHN HAMMOND.

Oneida Co., N. Y. *Dear Sir*: The plants you sent me arrived safely to-day. They looked very nice and were packed first-class, in fact, they were the finest looking plants I ever got from any nursery and I thank you for them, (my wife is from Virginia and she told me I would get a good article from the South if I would only try, and I find out she was correct and am glad I listened to her and sent to you for them). I shall know where to purchase in the future if I want good plants. Again thanking you for your fine plants and liberal count, I remain,

Yours truly, SILAS ADAMS.

Rochester, N. Y. W. F. Allen, Jr., *Dear Sir*: The 1,000 strawberry plants came in fine condition.

Respectfully, GREEN'S NURSERY CO.

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Respectfully, PETER HENDERSON.

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